

## REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 26, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 15 are amended and claims 2, 6, 11, 19 and 20 have been cancelled, leaving Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10 and 12-18 for consideration upon entry of the present amendments and following remarks. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowable subject matter indicated with respect to claims 6, 11 and 19.

Support for the claim amendments is at least found in the specification, the figures, and the claims as originally filed.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

### **Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Shau (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0121886, hereinafter "Shau"). The Examiner states that Shau discloses all of the elements of the abovementioned claims, principally in FIGS. 2, 2(a), 2(c), 2(e), 2(f) and 5(a)-5(d), and sections [0007] and [0050]-[0061]. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2 and the allowable subject matter indicated with respect to claim 6. Thus, amended claim 1, including claims depending therefrom, i.e., claims 3-5 admittedly define over Shau.

Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claims 1 and 2, and the allowable subject matter indicated with respect to claim 11. Thus, amended independent claim 7, including claims depending therefrom, i.e., claims 8-10 and 12-14, admittedly define over Shau.

Claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claims 1 and 2, and the allowable subject matter indicated with respect to claim 19. Thus, amended

independent claim 15, including claims depending therefrom, i.e., claims 16-18, admittedly define over Shau.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-20 under § 102(e) be withdrawn and allow claims 1, 3-5, 7-10 and 12-18 to issue.

***Conclusion***

All of the rejections are herein overcome. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. No new matter is added by way of the present Amendments and Remarks, as support is found throughout the original filed specification, claims and drawings. Prompt issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed phone number regarding this response or otherwise concerning the present application.

Applicants hereby petition for any necessary extension of time required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) or 1.136(b) which may be required for entry and consideration of the present Reply.

If there are any charges due with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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